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#### REMARKS

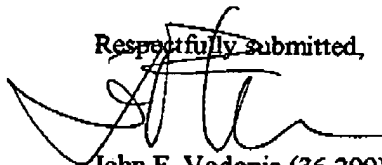
Applicants respond hereby to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004.

Applicants have amended claims 1-4 and added newly presented claim 5, in order to place the application in better conformance to US practice, and to substantially respond to the claims objections set forth in paragraph 6 of the office action (OA), and the rejection of claims 1-4 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph (as set forth in paragraphs 7-10 of the OA). Applicants have also amended the specification, title and abstract substantially in accordance with the Examiner's comments set forth in paragraphs 1-5. No new matter has been added. Allowance of claims 1-5, and passage to issue is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, Examiner Wong is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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